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1. IN CONNECTION WITH GDR MFA AMERICAN DESK OFFICER ELM'S ASSERTION THAT US REPORTS CONCENTRATE ON UNRESOLVED CASES, THE EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED ITS RECORDS ON GDR PERFORMANCE IN HUMANITARIAN CASES INVOLVING US CITIZEN INTEREST. THE DEPARTMENT MAY FIND THE INFORMATION USEFUL IN DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE WITH GDR OFFICIALS, AND THE INFORMATION MAY HELP TO SEE THE SCHROEDER/WILHELMI CASES IN A BROADER CONTEXT.

2. SINCE THE OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN THE FALL OF 1974 THROUGH MARCH 1, 1978, THE EMBASSY HAS MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON 129 HUMANITARIAN CASES (INCLUDING PERMANENT FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND BINATIONAL MARRIAGE CASES). OF THESE, 56 CASES HAVE BEEN FAVORABLY RESOLVED, I.E. THE APPLICANTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED EXIT PERMISSION. DURING THE SAME PERIOD WE HAVE MADE REPRESENTATIONS ON 13 EMERGENCY VISIT CASES, 2 OF WHICH WERE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL.

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3. IN THE SAME TIME FRAME, THE EMBASSY HAS ISSUED DOCUMENTATION FOR EMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES IN 16 CASES WHERE PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE WAS NEVER REFUSED BY GDR AUTHORITIES, OR NO REPRESENTATION WAS MADE BY EMBASSY TO THE MFA.

4. CURRENTLY WE HAVE 27 ACTIVE HUMANITARIAN CASES ON

WHICH WE HAVE MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO MFA AT ONE TIME OR
ANOTHER. IN 2 OF THESE CASES, EXIT PERMISSION HAS BEEN
GRANTED WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS, BUT VISAS HAVE NOT AS
YET BEEN ISSUED. WE HAVE 5 ACTIVE EMERGENCY VISIT CASES
ON WHICH WE HAVE MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO MFA. BOLEN

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